

**American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes**

August 9, 2016

The August general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:40pm by President, Marge Berrios after Unit members participated in the Boys State briefing and the Post Everlasting ceremony conducted by Post 112. Unfortunately, our Girls State delegate was unable to attend but hopes to join us in September. Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Pat Telson - guest

Nell Colbert

Thelma Smith - guest

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge called on our guests to introduce themselves. Thelma is transferring to our Unit from the Department of Tennessee and Pat's husband, Richard, is a member of Post 112 so she will be joining our Unit as a new member.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the June and July meetings were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Thelma Smith) that the minutes from both meetings be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Reports for July and August (June and July activity) and reported that the Treasurer's Reports were emailed to all members and were posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Reports via email. Aunita Padgett moved (seconded by Pat Telson) that the Treasurer's Reports be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including the Department newsletter, the Florida Department of Revenue information regarding the tax free weekend, information about the upcoming Department of Florida Workshop, and a letter from Unit 255 in Deltona soliciting for raffle ticket purchases.

Nell Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting noting that we have been included in the Post budget for a donation of \$350.00 that we will receive in January. The Post will be holding a FREE membership BBQ on 10/8 from 1-5pm for everyone who has paid their 2017 dues prior to 9/30. The Post is also sponsoring a 5K Marathon on Veterans Day weekend in November and would like help from the Auxiliary. There was also a fundraising opportunity presented by the Post's Finance Officer, Dyke Shannon, that he suggested would be a good way for the Auxiliary to gain some additional income. This opportunity involves placing a clothing collection box on the Post property for which the Auxiliary would receive \$100 per month. Nell noted that this has not been approved as

there are some definite disadvantages like who disposes of non-clothing items that could be dumped in or near the collection box. If the Post decides that they would allow the box, we can contact the company to set it up and get all the details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates.

- **AEF:**
- **Americanism:**
- **Cavalcade of Memories:**
- **Children and Youth:**
- **Community Service:**
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Our updated Constitution and By-Laws are ready to be signed so they can be submitted to the Department Chair for review and approval.
- **Education:** It was suggested that we consider adding a “Student of the Month” program to our Education projects. We will discuss further next month during our planning conference.
- **Girls State:** Marge noted that our delegate couldn’t attend tonight but will try to come in September.
- **Leadership:**
- **Legislative:**
- **Membership:** Nell reported that there have been no national goals set for this year so Department has asked each unit to increase by 5%. We finished the 2016 membership year with 20 members so our goal for 2017 should be 21. So far we have turned in 6 senior memberships. With the additional 4 seniors and 2 juniors that we’ve received through the 8/9 meeting, we will be at 57% of goal.
- **National Security:**
- **Past President’s Parley:**
- **Poppies:** Nell noted that we should be able to have a Poppy booth at the marathon in November and Aunita will set up additional booths at the Px
- **Public Relations:**
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:**

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Department Workshop – Nell encouraged everyone interested to attend on Saturday to learn about the Department programs for 2016-2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Marge shared upcoming District and Department dates
 - 9/10 – 6th District meeting at Post 347, Lady Lake – 9am

- 9/17 – School of Instruction at Post 80, St. Cloud – 9am
- 11/18-20 – Fall Conference at Hilton Orlando Sea World
- 12/10 – 6th District meeting at Post 35, Mt. Dora – 9am

After everyone made their contributions to the AEF piggy bank, Marge offered the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____